

MINUTES OF 2007 ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Sevier River Water Users Association held at the Richfield City Office Building, Richfield, Utah Monday, February 12, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

Due, legal and timely notice having been given as required by law and the Order of the Board.

There were present the following Officers and Directors:

PRESENT:

Blaine Ipson, President-Millard County
Delin Roundy, Vice President-Garfield County
Richard Torgerson, Director-Piute County
Kurt Sorenson, Director-Sevier County
Ivan Cowley, Director-Sevier County
Russell Christensen, Director-Sevier County
Jacob D. Anderson, Secretary

ABSENT:

Clyde L. Bunker, Director-Millard County
Dean S. Anderson, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

Ray Owens, Sevier River Commissioner
Jim Walker, Sevier River Commissioner
Lee Sims – Division of Water Rights
John S. Larson – Division of Water Rights
Kirk Forbush – Division of Water Rights
Mike Silva – Division of Water Rights
Terry Monroe – Division of Water Rights
Lee Baxter – Bureau of Reclamation
Jarvis Sorensen – West View Dover Piute

The meeting was called to order by Blaine Ipson who presided at the meeting. An opening prayer was given by Lon Jackson.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the annual meeting of the Sevier River Water Users Association held on February 2, 2006. Upon a motion by Jerry Skeem and second by Wayne Ballard, the minutes were approved as read.

President Ipson turned the floor over to John Larson from the Division of Water Rights who gave a report of the 2006 expenditures and receipts. Copies were passed around and most present received a copy.

Beginning Balance	\$64,906.98
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Assessments	\$187,686.98
Penalty	468.97
Penalty	1,795.97
Interest	5,373.66
Total	\$195,325.40

Budgeted Expenses	213,415.88
Unbudgeted Expenses	1,897.52
Total	\$215,313.40

Ending Balance	\$44,918.73
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Lee reviewed each budget item. The total budget for 2006 was \$225,511.00 and the total amount of money expended was \$215,313.40

There were 24 delinquent accounts for a total of \$15,844.25 in delinquent assessments. Dale Roper moved to accept the 2006 financial report. Upon a second from Brent Cowley, the financial report was approved.

Mr. Sims reviewed each budget item in the proposed 2007 budget, each person being given a copy. The budget had been set by the board in the amount of \$229,906 with and assessment amount set at \$225,000. The commissioners will be given a vehicle from the State motor pool. This will cost \$100 per month with 37 cents a mile on top of that. Upon a motion from Wayne Ballard and a second by Lon Jackson, the 2007 budget and assessment was approved.

Time was given to the Commissioners to give their report. Jim Walker noted that all of the reservoirs will be full except Sevier Bridge Reservoir and it'll only be short by a couple feet. There is going to be a good run off this spring because of the wet fall. USU has 3 Programmers and we can use one of them. USU is also doing some research in the Delta area. They are putting some moisture ~~samples~~ ^{probes} in the ground, taking aerial photos and satellite pictures. Jim thinks this will be beneficial to the water companies. He also noted that canal B was being automated and he's also working on getting a Stream Pro, Flow tracker, and an Argonaut to help with the real time measurements.

Ray noted that you can look at the raw data by looking under diagnostics on the web sight right now.

The snow pack as of February 12, 2007 is 80%. Right now the snow pack is higher on the North end of the basin. The SWSI is at .08. 2005 was the third wettest and 2004 was the driest on the report

Blaine Talked about the Enforcement policy that was in place and said it had plenty of positive benefits. Piute was also resurveyed and the new data was already in place and being used.

Ivan talked about Otter Creek's increased storage and says they need to get new gates so they can control the water better.

Blaine mentioned that Warren Peterson had taken employment in the Salt Lake City area and would no longer be serving as a board member on the Board of Water Resources. President Ipson noted that if anyone had any suggestions for a replacement, to let him know.

Time was given to Lee to discuss "Administrative Rule: Distribution system and Water Commissioners. He stated that rules need to be flexible so each district can function different but needed to have some sort of common basis. If anyone needed to amend the rules they were to let him know in writing of the change and they had to be handed in by April 15 and hoped that this would be in effect by fall. The document talks about authority, purpose, application of rule, and definition of the distribution system and Water Commissioners.

Loni Hammond was given time to talk about a levy along the highway that runs to Redmond. He said the Army Core of Engineers was going to condemn the levy if it wasn't brought up to code. It was originally created to help control flooding in the '40s and 50's. He said that they had sent paperwork to the Sevier County Commissioners. Sherman Sorensen mentioned that there had been plans created ten or so years ago to restore the river to the way it was.

Blaine explained that at the last meeting of the board of directors, they had look at the Articles of the Association and learned that only members from the respective county could vote on board members to be elected.

President Ipson held elections to fill the expired terms of Delin Roundy, Ivan Cowley, and Clyde Bunker whose terms had expired. He also explained that Clyde would only run again if no one else would.

Russell Christensen nominated Delin Roundy since there weren't any people from Garfield present. This was seconded, by Blaine Ipson and Delin was elected director by acclamation.

Brent Cowley moved that all rules and regulations to the contrary be suspended and that Ivan Cowley be appointed as director from Sevier County by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Russell Anderson and passed unanimously.

Scott Anderson nominated Jim Nickle and Jerry Skeem nominated Kenneth Fowles. Ray Lyman moved to close the nominations and conduct a vote. Lon Jackson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The secretary passed out cards to all the Millard County members to vote and after a short moment picked them up to be counted. After the ballots had been counted, it was announced that Ken Fowles was elected to be a director from Millard County

President Ipson then noted that Kurt Sorensen was retiring from his position and that Jarvis Sorensen would be filling for the unexpired portion of Mr. Sorensens term. President Ipson complimented Kurt, thanking him for his service. He then presented a plaque for all his efforts. Kurt said a few word of thanks. Blaine also noted that he had also gotten Clyde Bunker a plaque and expressed appreciation for his service.

There being no further business, Jerry Skeem moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jarvis Sorensen and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Secretary

President